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The data given in this report were obtained incidentally in connection with research on the European corn borer conducted from the laboratory at Toledo, Ohio. The seed used in this work was provided through the cooperation of various federal and state agencies and individual seedsmen. The experiments from which the data were taken were conducted cooperatively with the Bureau of Plant Industry, Division of Cereal Crops and Diseases, J. R. Holbert, Bloomington, Illinois.

In one experiment (Exp. B) 21 single crosses were planted on May 27. These were of all possible combinations of 7 inbreds as follows, Kansas Yellow Saline (KYS), L 317 B2, Woodworth's Ill. 5120, Ill. A48, Steigermeyer's Ill. 22, B.P.I. 540, and No. 617. All of these combinations were provided by J. R. Holbert. In addition 4 other single crosses and 17 double and 3-way crosses were planted in the experiment, making 42 strains in all. These were planted in six-fold replication of two- by four- hill plots. The varietal sequence within the replications was at random. Six plants in each plot were manually infested with corn borer egg masses and dissected when the borers were mature, leaving about 18 x 6 or 108 plants of each strain as a basis for yield and other agronomic records. The number of borers in the plants left for yield records were so few that they were disregarded in making comparisons between the strains.

In the other experiment (Exp. A) 12 double crosses, 2 single crosses, and 2 local varieties, Clarage and Woodburn, were planted on May 11, May 27, and June 11. This last is a late planting date for the locality but it was made necessary by the delayed germination of the May 11 planting, which did not come up until May 27 when the second planting was made. However, the June 11 planting made a crop, the percent dry matter contained in it at harvest averaging 57.4 compared with 68.6 and 65.0 percent from the May 11 and May 27 plantings, respectively. Experiment A was laid out in four-fold replication of two scries of two- by eight- hill plots. The varietal sequence within these replications was at random. One series of plots was subject to natural infestation by the European corn borer, and the agronomic data from these plots are given in this report. The mean number of borers per infested and non-infested plants of this series of plots averaged 1.08, 0.59, and 0.15 for the May 11, May 27, and June 11 plantings, respectively. Since the borer populations in the different strains were low, comparisons between the strains can be made without taking into account the borer populations, excepting perhaps the local varieties, Clarage and Woodburn, which had nearly one borer more per plant in the May 11 planting than the other strains.

Growing conditions for the corn throughout the season appeared to be optimum. The first killing frost occurred October 5, or two weeks oarlier than average.

DEFINITION OF TERMS AND COMMENTS

Planting to silking - Estimated period from planting to the mid-silking date. The individual silking dates of about 90 plants were recorded, excepting in the May 11 planting of Exp. A. where 32 plants were taken as a sample.

Lodging score - No especially strong wind occurred during the season, but the lodging data were taken at harvest. Data were taken on a plant basis. Each plant was scored, (0) if upright, (1) if leaning slightly, (2) if leaning at an angle of about 45 degrees, and (3) if flat. These scores were totalled for all the plants examined and the average plant score is given. A maximum score of 3.000 would be possible with all the plants flat.

Smutted - Plants with one or more visible smut masses on stalk or ear. Smut on leaves or tassels was ignored.

Broken - Any break in the stalk below the second node below the tassel stalk.

Earless - Plants which failed to produce continuous grain out beyond the leaf sheath. In Exp. B only 13 earless plants were noted among the 42 strains. In Exp. A only a few plants were earless, so data are not given in the tables.

Two-ear plants - An ear at each of two or more nodes. In many cases the second ear was no more than a nubbin, so the data on this point are only indicative of the tendency of the different strains to bear two ears per plant.

Rotted ears - A rotted ear was rarely noticed, so data on this point are not given.

Bare-tipped ears - Tip of ear or cob not capable of being covered by the husks at maturity.

Shelling percentage— Weight of the shelled grain divided by the weight of the ears and multiplied by 100. The mean shelling percentages of 16 strains in Exp. A planted on May 11, May 27, and June 11, were 84.3, 83.3, and 79.3, respectively. The percentage for each strain is based on 2 samples of about 8 pounds of ears.

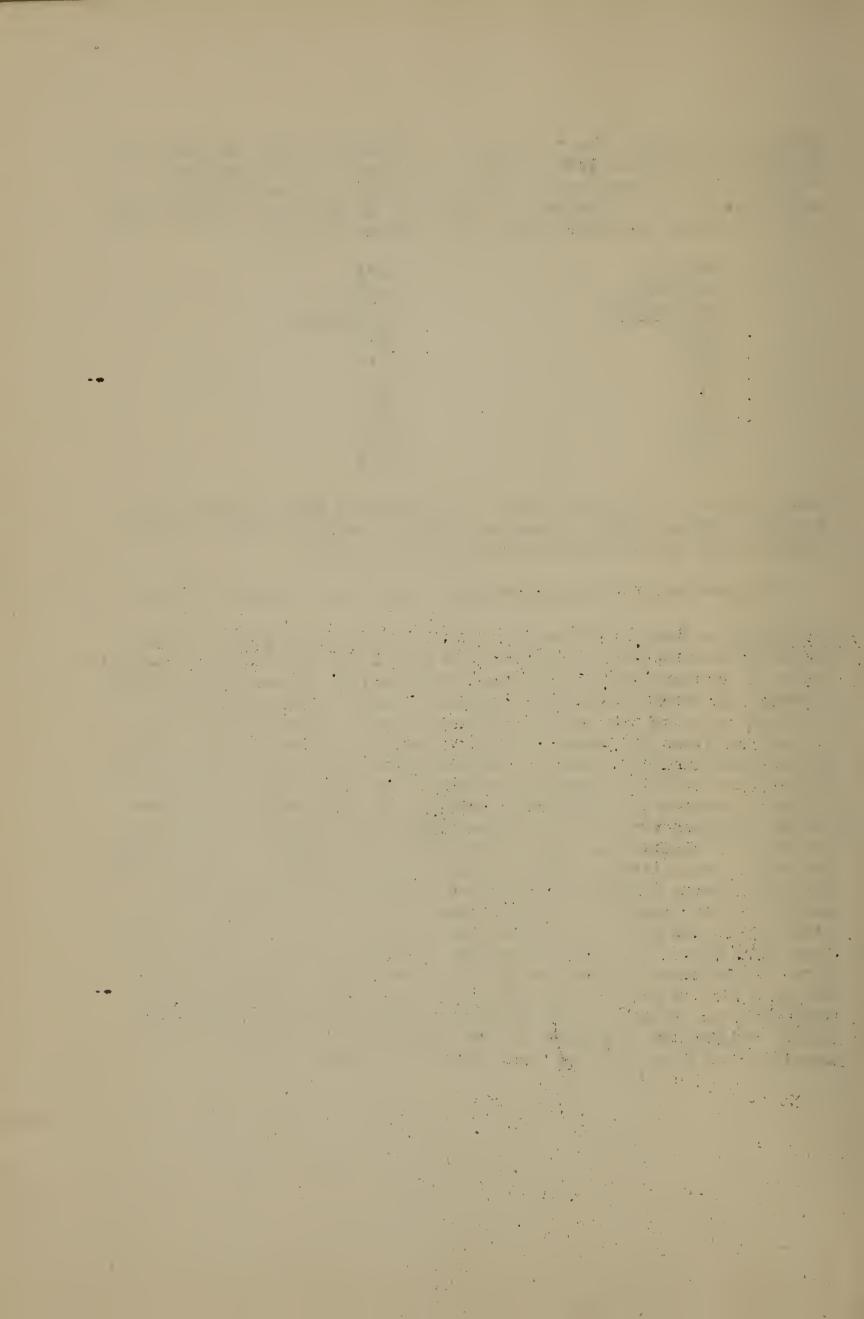
Weight per bushel - The test weight of a bushel volume as determined by standard methods. From the data from Exp. B a very definite relation was observed between the test weight per bushel and the percent moisture in the kernels at the time the test was made. The data are as follows, each value being the mean of 12 tests.

Percent	Test
moisture	weight
in kernels	per bushel
22.2	51.0
19.2	54.2
18.1	55.3
17.4	56,1
16.8	55.9
16.0	56.3
14.6	57.1

After fitting a free-hand curve to the plotted data the test weight for each strain in Exp. B was corrected according to the moisture at time of test and the data as read from the curve.

No correction of the test weight per bushel was made in Exp. A.

Acre yield - Bushels of shelled corn on an acre basis at a uniform moisture content of 15.5 percent. In Exp. B the generalized standard error of the mean yield from the 6 replications of each strain (108 plants) was found to be 2.07 bushels per acre. The generalized standard error of the mean difference in yield between two strains calculated from this value is 2.93 bushels per acre. In Exp. A the generalized standard error of the mean yield from the 4 replications of each strain (174 plants) was found to be 3.66, 2.82; and 2.27 bushels per acre for the three plantings, respectively. The generalized standard errors of the mean difference in yield between two strains calculated from these values are 5.18, 3.99, and 3.07 bushels per acre, respectively. From the generalized standard errors of the mean difference in yield between two strains given above, little weight can be placed in the differences in the yield between two strains of less than 5.3 bushels (odds of 19 to 1) in Exp. B, and of less than 10.0, 7.7, and 5.9 bushels in Exp. A, May 11, May 27, and June 11 plantings, respectively. The generalized standard error of the mean yields in the table giving the mean values for all 3 plantings, Exp. A, would be 1.70 bushels. Calculating from this value, little weight can be placed in the differences in the yield of two strains from this table of less than 4.1 bushels.



Even though the data might appear to be rather variable from these values, especially those from the May 11 planting, Exp. A, the yield data given in the table for the different strains are consistent, especially between the first and second plantings. For example, strains Nos. 3, 6, and 9 rank highest in yield in both of these plantings, and Nos. 10, 5, 4, 16, and 2 are grouped together in both plantings.

Dry matter at harvest - Two field samples of ears from each strain of approximately ten pounds each were taken at harvest from both Exp. B and Exp. A. The moisture content of the shelled corn was determined by the Federal Grain Supervisor's office at Toledo, Ohio. From these determinations the percent dry matter at harvest was calculated in the usual way. A relation was observed between the percent dry matter at harvest and the number of days from planting to silking in Exp. B. This is seen in the following pairs of values giving the days to silking and the percent dry matter, respectively: 69.2 and 61.6, 70.7 and 60.5, 72.0 and 60.5, 72.9 and 59.9, 73.6 and 59.1, 75.5 and 57.5. As the days to silking increased the percent dry matter at harvest decreased, as might be expected.

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Agronomic Data from Corn Varietal Experiment - Exp. 4- Planted May 11,1935, near Toledo, Ohio.

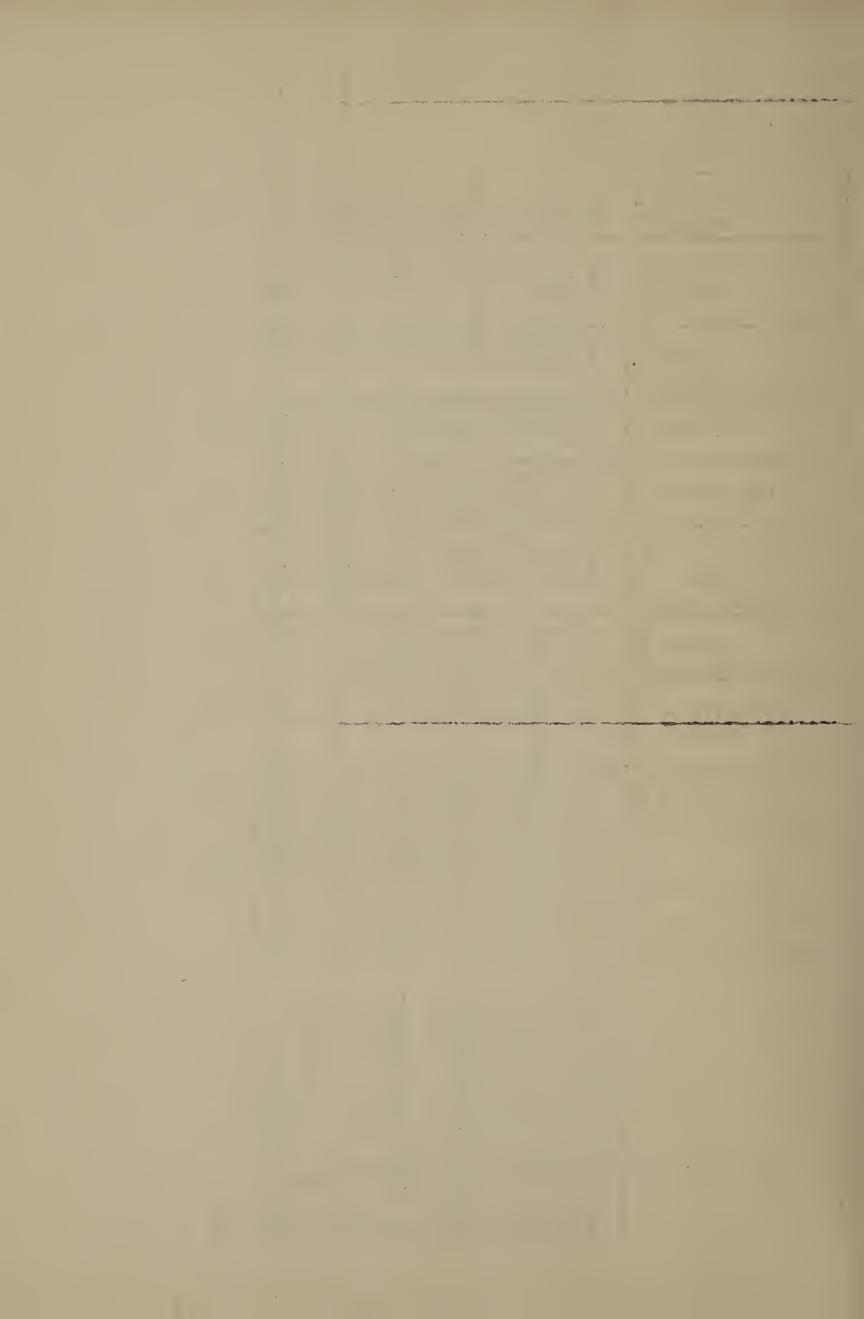
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Wt. per Bu.	Lbs.	9.99		57.3	55.1	57.7	58.1	58.0	57.6		56.9			57.3	•	57.0	57.2	57.2
Bare tipped ears	Pct.	49.2	25.8	27.8	21.1	14.2	•		17.5	•	53.7	20.8	41.0		7.9	10.8	0.6	24.5
Two-egr plants	Pct.	•		21.1	9.3	5.1			7.1			_		1.6	_	•	9.0	12.8
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Wt. per Bu.	Lbc.	53.9	52.8	55.4	53.4	52.7	54.4		51.8	50.0	54.5	49.8	51.9	49.1	•	52.7	56.1	52.8
Bare tipped same	Pct.	31.7	41.3	29.8			5.5		•	_	39.0	18.3	10.7	12.3	28.0	36.2	0.6	20.0
Two-ear plants	Pct.		39.1		2.8	29.2	5.5	1.3	5.2	10.8			13.6		3.1	3.1	3.0	10.5
Planting to silking	Days	62.0		03.3	62.0	63.2	63.2	58.9	1 1	63.3	60.7	oi8.2	62.9	1 1		1	56.6	61.9
Dry matter at October 7 - 12	Pet.	58.6		58,8	56.2	56.7	59.9	61.3	54.3	57.7	57.2	53.5	57.7	54.7	55.6	55.3	66.4	57.4
Acre yield	Bu.	97.2	93.6	92.9	91.3	90.7	88.6	87.5	87.4	87.3	85.3	85.2	•	84.6	84.3	84.2	78.0	87.8
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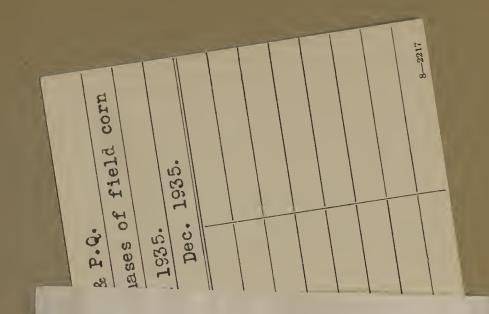
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